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REQUEST

FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/207,945
Filing Date	12/09/1998
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Group Art Unit	2176
Examiner Name	Thu V. Huynh
Attorney Docket Number	5577-115CX

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 13.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which was established RCE practice.

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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a. Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on Technology Center 2100
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- Other _____

b. Enclosed

- Preliminary Amendment
- Second Declaration of Needham J. Boddie, II Under 37 C.F.R. §1.131
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to IBM Deposit Account No. 09-0461 03/04/2003 AWDNDAF1 00000172 090461 09207945

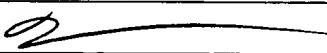
- RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 01 FC:1801 750.00 CH
- Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

d. If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayments, to IBM Deposit Account No. 09-0461

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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